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## IT CAN BE DONE!

In the Second fortnight of March 1960 the State Chief Commissioners, the State Commissioners (Scouts), the State Secretaries and the State Organising Commissioners from all over India will be meeting under the Presidency of our able Officiating National Commissioner, Prof. Madan Mohan, at our National Camping Centre at Pachmarhi. Among many things they are likely to discuss may be "how to make Scouting at Group level more regular, efficient and purposeful" and "how to inspire the Scouters who are our KEY MEN to improve the standard". We hope that they will pay their serious attention to this and are confident that they will do it, and **it can be done.**

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Here is a big opportunity for us all to do something Now. The new Editorial Board for our Bulletin has just been formed, and the Board is keen that the bulletin should reach every Scouter and Guider and help them to run their groups on right lines. More new ideas, and helpful hints are needed. Send in your New Ideas, the New Games you have tried and the New Activities you have introduced in your groups. The bulletin should become the SCOUTERS' AND GUIDERS' OWN. **It can be done.**

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It is here! something that every Scout and Guide is eager for—the Jamboree—almost at your doors. Jump

at it. The Third All India Jamboree for Scouts and Guides will be held at Bangalore towards the end of December 1960. Only SECOND CLASS Scouts and Guides can attend. Scouters and Guiders please make it possible for as many of your Scouts and Guides to participate in this great event. **It can be done.**

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We are grateful to the SEARCHLIGHT for his "NOTES BY THE WAY" in the January issue of our Bulletin—wherein he has dealt in detail about our movement in general, where we have deviated from our principles and methods, and how we can still make Scouting and Guiding the Boys' and Girls' Own L

In his concluding paragraph of his notes he says "*If we who run the organisation, can turn the searchlight inwards, search our minds and find out honestly what we are after, and if we can make up our minds to do our duty by ourselves and by the boy whom we are supposed to serve, we can yet hope to see Scouting grow into a stalwart banyan tree with plenty of secondary stems, rich in foliage and serving the community in the way it should*".

Certainly! We will do what all we ought to and think more and more of what we can put into Scouting than what we can personally get out of Scouting.

We have a big task ahead, a task which can spare no energy for tub-thumping, platform display, self-glorification and ventilating personal dislikes and prejudices.

All that is now required is a stout heart, a cheery outlook, a lively faith and a love for the boy and the girl. We have these, and let us now go forward and play the game of Scouting and Guiding in right spirit, in right earnest and in the right way, and **it can be done.**

## STRAY THOUGHTS

### On things and matters

By Scribbler.

Three words that matter most to any one who is interested in anything are "What" "Why", and "How". And to us who are interested in Scouting, what it is, why it is done and how are matters of real interest and importance.

#### First, the What ?

Well, it may sound very strange to have to ask this question after forty years of it in the country. But a little thought will convince one that it is not so very strange, or unsound question after all.

But what is scouting ? \* Is it just tying knots ? No. Is it waving the flag ? Is it doing the good turn ? Is it first-aid ? Is it trestles or bridges ? No. Not at all. Is it tree-felling ? Is it map-reading ? Is it building shelters ? Is it camping or life in the great-out-of-doors. No. None of these things would make scouting, not even all these put together. They are just facets, each a different one, of the gem that scouting is, and there are many more such facets. The whole heap of them would not add up to scouting. For there is something more to it, something that does not meet the eye very readily, something subtle, which only those who think calmly can find out!

We can easily miss the wood for trees. And we often do !

Scouting really is the mutual coming together of two sets of personalities, those of the boys who are in the troop, and those of the adults who are engaged in genuinely playing the game of scouting, with the boys. Scouting activities and all its different facets only set the atmosphere. They just supply the background. What really matters is the impact of the two sets of personalities on each other, leading to the slow but sure transformation of the boys into young folks actuated by high ideals and possessed of a definite and purposive out-look on life.

#### Next the Why ?

Adults are generally blind towards boy needs. They have no understanding of boy characteristics. They cannot and do not therefore sympathise with boy-outlook.

The parents and the other elders at home love the boys, but they look at them from their own point of view. They

try to mould them on adult patterns. The growth of the boy is therefore stifled. God meant boys to be boys, He deliberately implanted in them certain characteristics which he knew would work out to their benefit. Boy instincts and boy desires were meant to function. By clever direction they have to be utilised for the growth of the boys. Boys should be helped to have their day. They should be helped to find joy and happiness in their own way. They have to have understanding guidance, by elders who can sympathise with them and appreciate their ways. They need leaders who have not forgotten their boyhood yet. They need leaders who can unbend themselves and get down to the level of the boys, play with them, work with them, and can be just comrades to them, and yet guide them.

The aim and the method of scouting is to provide this congenial kind of leadership to the boys, and to help them to live a purposive life as boys, and to help them to come to their own! So that they can really "be as little children!"

### **And then, the How?**

We explore boy needs and boy desires and provide young folk the opportunity to have healthy experience of all that boy nature makes them desire. Planned activities are organised for their benefit and made available to them. These activities have a strong appeal for them, and help them to live a full life as boys, consistent with the aims and ideals of adult life.

Scouting provides attractive "occupation" which keeps the boy engaged profitably to himself.

It provides him activities which the home or even the school, by itself, cannot provide. Through them he is lured on to the open, to God's great-out-of-doors for which he has a great liking.

It provides him fellowship such as he can hardly get elsewhere, however rich he may be or well-to-do. It gives him the sympathy and love of fellows like himself who play the same game of life with him. It gives him true comradeship of a type that greatly matters.

And it provides him leadership of a type he can never get elsewhere-- in any other organisation-- guidance by a boy-man, one who is a man and a boy at the same time, by a leader who can without much ado get down to his own level and yet feel quite at home with him, one who is bound to him with silken bonds of love, sympathy and affection, to a leader who is always able to understand him, and always willing to give him full scope to try his hands at things that matter!

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## Golden Jubilee of Guiding, 1960

It is 50 years since the Girl Guide Movement came into being. Born on September 4, 1909, it has now completed 50 years and hence the Golden Jubilee of this glorious movement is to be celebrated in 1960.

Lord Baden Powell says: "The Girls themselves started the Movement".

During the Boer War in South Africa Lord Baden Powell found himself short of men in the siege of Mafeking and organised the boys of the town into a corps to carry messages to outlying posts to distribute rations etc. The success of the experiment proved, that given training, boys could take on difficult tasks, when they knew they were trusted. On his return to England in 1907 he found the energies of the boys were not being canalised into proper channels. So, he experimented with the 'Game of Scouting' with the boys and it caught like wild fire. The trial camp in 'Brownsea Island' was quite a success.

The Girls came into the picture two years latter. The girls found the new game of Scouting so fascinating that 2,000 of them set to work at it on their own and got in excellently. The memorable Crystal Palace Rally was the Birthday of the Guides. On September 4, 1909 at a huge Scout Rally, a group of determined Guides, wearing self-made khaki uniforms, carrying staves and calling themselves Girl Scouts, gatecrashed into the Scout Rally. They demanded that they too should be inspected by Lord Baden Powell, the Chief Scout.

The Founder of the Game of Scouting then came to realise that the girls too needed the game. Lord Baden Powell named them 'Girl Guides' and wrote a book for them. His sister, Miss Agnes Baden Powell took charge of this new wing till, 1916, when Lady Baden Powell came into the picture. Lady Baden Powell is the World Chief Guide of today. This great Movement came to India in 1911 and the merger of the Scouts and Guides, an inique feature under the name of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, took place in 1951.

The different branches of the Guides are the Bulbuls or Brownies between the ages of 7 to 11, the Guides between 12 to 16 and Rangers above 16. "Once a Guide always a Guide". Hence all past Guides came into the 'Trefoil Guild'. Thus the Movement includes all who have taken the promise all over the world and today it has spread to 40 countries.

The year 1960 is the Golden Jubilee year for Guides. Celebrations are to take place in the most fitting manner worthy of the high principles it upholds, in each country, State, District and Town from June 1960 to be carried over to 1961.

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# GUIDE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

## Central Committee

At a meeting of all the Guide Commissioners and others interested, held on 22-1-60, presided over by Smt. D L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) in the Chair, a Central Committee was formed with powers to coopt.

The following tentative programme was fixed up :

1 To inaugurate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at the Thinking Day Rally on February 20th 1960 at Madras.

2. To arrange for a big gathering for Guides at Madras on 3rd September 1960 to synchronise with the World Celebrations on the Birthday of Guiding, i. e. September 4th. It was decided that each District should send a contingent of 20 Guides to participate in this gathering. The participants will arrive at Madras on 2nd September and will leave on the 4th September.

3 An exhibition of Guide Handicrafts to be held in September 1960 at Madras. All the Districts to send in special Guide made articles for this exhibition.

4. Falling in line with the All India pattern, a Log Book Competition will be held. Log Books are to be prepared by each District on Some foreign countries. The best Log Books collected from the Districts will be sent to the National Headquarters for the All India Log Book Competitions.

5. Each District to plan Good-Turns and Service and Birthday Parties to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Guiding in the respective Districts.

6. Scroll of Friendship: All India Scroll of Friendship is being prepared by the Southern Railway and it will come to each State. The Commissioners are requested to give full co-operation to get the signature from the Districts.

7. Golden Jubilee Camp for Guides for five days will be held at Tanjore. Only 2nd Class Guides will be admitted. Sri K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner, Sri A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar, District Commissioner (Scouts), Mrs. Indira Nagarajan, District Commissioner (Guides) and Miss Cornelius will be approached for help in this matter.

8. A Golden Jubilee Camp for Rangers will be held at Stanley Park, Coonoor, in summer for 5 days. Mrs. MacLaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides) and Sri B. K. Linga Gowder, M.L.A. District Commissioner (Scouts) will be approached to plan this Camp.

9. All Guide Commissioners are requested to collect facts and send a short history of Guiding in their respective Districts during the past 50 years.

Please do not forget to write to our State Commissioner (Guides), if you need any details, directions or help.

## News from the State Headquarters

**Distinguished Visitors :** Miss Norton, Commissioner for Training (Guides), Canada; Sri J. P. Mallaradhya, State Chief Commissioner, Mysore State and Miss Erica Thiel, Guider from Switzerland, visited our State Headquarters on the 12th, 18th and 28th January 1960 respectively.

**Thinking Day Rally Committee:** This Committee which was formed on 5th January 1960 met on 20th Jan. with Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) in the Chair. The rally arrangements were finalised.

**Golden Jubilee of Guiding:** The District Commissioners (Guides) of Madras City and others interested met on 22nd January 1960 with Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) in the Chair. A Central Committee for the Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Guiding was formed. A tentative programme for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Guides was drawn-up. (Details published in this Bulletin)

## HIMALAYA WOOD BADGE - PART-I (THEORY)

### . Certificates Issued.

Certificate No. and Date	Name of Scouter and District	Section
1/59—21-1-1959	Sri P. S. Venkatesan Madras Corporation	Cub
1/59—21-1-1959	Sri N. V. Ramaswamy South Arcot	Scout
2/59— 2-2-1959	Sri L. Sreeraman Chingleput	Cub
1/50—17-6-1959	Sri S. Rajaram Madras-Central	Rover
3/59—9-12-1959	Sri P. Gujjan Nilgiris	Cub
1/60—28-1-1960	Sri A. Kandaswami Madras-North	Scout

M. RAJAGOPALAN,  
*Headquarters Commissioner (Training)*

## • NOTES BY THE WAY

SEARCHLIGHT received the biggest shock of his scout-life when by sheer chance he rested his eyes on "the Aims and Objects" of our Bharat Scouts and Guides as set forth in the Official Rules, and in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. And so will any one who bestows the least thought about it!

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What are we about? Are we just after reverence for God and nothing else? If that were all we are after, do not we think of the BOY? Don't we want him to enjoy the privileges of boy-hood? Do we not want him to try his hands at things? Don't we want him to explore? Don't we want him to learn to stand four-square to all the ill-winds that blow around him from all points of the compass? Don't we want that he should experience the joys of open-air-life? Don't we want him to enjoy the blessings of fellowship with other children influenced by like ideals as he? Don't we want him to acquire the traits of good citizenship through his life in the scout troop, and through the various activities that scouting means? Don't we want him to acquire self-confidence and learn new skills through such helpful and healthful activities? Do we not want him to come into close contact with the Boy-man that his Scoutmaster is, and be helped and guided by his personal example, and aspire for the type of noble life as he does?

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If to inspire reverence for God was all that there was to do then there would be no need for scouting at all. Are'n't there so many agencies already at work? and aren't there so many approaches? And further as a nation are we not already too full of other-worldiness to think of catching the boys young and steeping them also in that great national virtue?

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Reverence for God is a universal characteristic in the national life of our country. Exceptions there may be both individual, and group; but the percentage is negligible. And God can certainly do without the reverence from such as they!

Other-Worldiness is not what we are after. We are concerned with the Here and Now. We are concerned with the Boy, and we want to help him here and now! That is our mission!

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The Aims and Objects as set forth in the Official documents are the baldest of bald statements that could ever be thought of, and they could easily mislead the Scout-Worker. They are a Set-Back!

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Does reverence include all that Scouting stands for? Not at all?

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Activity is the key note of Scouting. Action and doing things are the anvil on which scouting aims to forge the character traits of children. It is thus that it aims at making manly men of them.

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Scouting has to be, to the boys, a real **BIG ADVENTURE!** And it must help them to plan big things and do them in a big way!

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Most of us know to stop a runaway horse. Suppose we see the horse and the carriage to which it is attached coming, along the road careering towards where we stand, the most foolish thing we can do would be to stand firm, right across the path and in that manner to attempt to stop the horse and bring it under control. And the most sensible thing would be to run ahead, and to run in the same direction as the horse, and when it draws level, to catch hold of the shaft and to get hold of the reins while we are still running with it. All the time we are on the look out for a suitable spot where we can safely and effectively turn the horse's head and bring it to a dead stop.

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That is just what scouting is, in epitome! That is how we try to tame our young heroes and that is how we attempt to make "men" of them. We know their cravings; we encourage them; and we turn them to good account. We run with them. We humour them. We help them to enjoy life as boys just love to. We even join them cheerfully, help them to get the utmost relish out of them. And all the time our adult personality is on the *Qui vive*. We are on the look out for the propitious moment, and for the most strategic spot. And when we get them, with the full force of the courage of our conviction and with all the firmness that we can command we draw the youngsters effectively to the side of all that is noble and good!

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In the midst of our activities we give them the simple guidance of our Scout Law. We help them to appreciate the feeling of brother-hood, and we help them to be guided by what is proper and what is not, by what "is done" and by what "is not done". We give them the ideal of a purposeful life, and help them to equip themselves for it. We open up fields of adventure for them. We provide for them companionship of a most satisfying kind. We make them think and act. We help them to acquire the qualities of leadership. We encourage them to develop executive ability. We help them to acquire skills which will help them to be of service to others. We enable them to develop powers to enjoy life in most sensible manner. We help them to acquire proper citizenship traits and attitudes, and in that manner qualify for service to the country and to humanity.

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And it is thus that Troop Work becomes a matter of extreme importance. If this is done well in every troop nothing else would matter. Not all the world can upset the apple cart. Scouting would thrive. If it does not do so at present it is because Troop Work is weak, ill-conceived, and ill-done.

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The S. M. has always to wear his **THINKING CAP!** That he has to! How best things can be done should be his constant care.

The Troop is a growing organism. At the same time, the troop has boys of all grades of progress. To keep them all engaged usefully to themselves and in such a way that the troop can make progress is at once the S. M.'s privilege and his responsible duty.

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The work and the training needed for the test that the boy has to take next—be it the Tenderfoot Test, the Second Class or the First Class—that is one of the things to think of. To secure greater and greater adherence to the Scout Law not only in accordance to its letter but in accordance with its spirit is another. Opportunities for the exercise of the Scout Law have to be found and provided. This is the Scoutmaster's job. He has to provide enjoyment of the kind that boys desire, the shape of activities for which they have a natural longing, and which it is not possible for them to get in the normal way. It is only then that Scouting can be justified. It is only then that Scouting will succeed.

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To refer to Scout activities as scoutcraft (!), is a terrible wrong. There is nothing crafty about it. They are not craft! "Scout Activities" or Even "Scout-Works" is a better phrase.

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A troop should be smart in appearance, for externals do count. A smart exterior encourages, and very often indicates, a well-disciplined interior. Troops should be regular in their work. Such troops will build better discipline. And they will produce better scouts. Troops should be active throughout the year and not during certain seasons only. The GOOD TURN should be revived. Most people have forgotten it altogether. But that is the very keystone of the movement. Every Scout should do his Good turn every day without fail. Even just one. One who does not is not a scout. A troop where there are scouts who do not do good turns is not a troop at all. The neglect of the daily good turn is the one single fault that has led almost to the failure of scouting. The Founder did not mean that it was an idea to toy with, but almost every one seems to be doing that. All ranks from the very apex to the bottom should remember and do the daily good turn.

Collective Good Turn should be organised and carried out. This should be done wherever there is scope, not only during temple festivals. The last mentioned are spectacular and probably "everything is found" in most cases and so the shallow pockets of people who dabble in them may remain untouched. Scouts should go out to help all who need help, and think as little as possible of lime-light.

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Camps and outings should become more popular, and there should be more care in planning and in carrying them out. There is no other single activity which can touch a boy's personality so deeply and at so many points as camping does and give him substantial training as a Scout, as an ideal boy, that is to say.

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Camping provides scope for exploration. It helps them to take interest in life, and to find delight in all the good things that God has provided for as human beings. It helps them to appreciate the beauties of nature, and to get into touch with the heart of nature.

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Troop work should aim at instilling loyalty to the country and to the movement. It should keep the Founder's aim in view at all times, and it should stick to methods recommended by him, and which have been tried all the world over and found quite effective.

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The Founder did not devise the Patrol System as just a joke, but people who ought to know better have managed to make a huge joke of it. Very few people are worried about it. Many are really ignorant as to its possibilities. A Troop run on Patrol system will go forward with leaps and bounds, and will give the right type of training to the boys and make the right type of scouts out of them. It is not one of many ways of running a Troop, it is the one and only way in which a Scout Troop has to be run,—that is to say if we are keen on substantial results. If we just want to play with scouting, any odd method or even no method would do!

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So it all comes back to the poor fellow who is the Scoutmaster. He is the Key-man. He can make it or mar it. God help him to make it, rather than mar it.

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## Pakistan Boy Scout Jamboree

The Third Pakistan National Jamboree will be held in Lahore (West Pakistan) from the 24th to 31st October, 1960.

The Jamboree Committee has decided not to charge any Jamboree fee from the brother scouts of other lands. The tentage will also be provided free of charge.

The Jamboree Emblem will be the famous Kim's Gun, Lahore, named after the famous scout character, "Kim".

The Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Government of Pakistan has also agreed to issue Special Jamboree commemorative stamps on the occasion. Only second class scouts in the age group of 14-17, who have got camping experience will be permitted to attend the Jamboree. The Scouts will bear their own expenses to and fro. District Commissioners will please write and let the undersigned know before 15th March 1960, the names of, scouts, their age, tests passed etc. who are willing to attend the Jamboree,

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY  
*Honorary State Secretary*

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## News From Over-Seas

### Information Bulletin-B.S.A-London

**"The Silver Cross"**: Sir Charles Maclean, Chief Scout, of the British Commonwealth and Empire, has been pleased to award the 'Silver Cross' to Sir Evelyn Baring, G. C. M. G., K. C. V. O., who, until recently was Governor of Kenya, "For Gallantry with considerable risk."

It was during the latter part of his term of office as Governor and Chief Scout of Kenya, whilst taking a brief respite from his arduous duties on the beach at Malindi, a Kenya coast resort, that Sir Evelyn was approached by an Indian girl who informed him that two of her friends were in difficulty in the water. Sir Evelyn immediately plunged into the sea, and swam out 150 yards to their assistance. Supporting them both he then began the long swim back, but lost his grip on one of them who was swept away by the current and drowned. Sir Evelyn held on to the other but before he reached the shore his own strength began to ebb. Fortunately another person saw the rescue attempt, and dived in to give assistance. The girl recovered shortly after reaching the beach, but Sir Evelyn was found by his doctor to be suffering from shock and exhaustion.

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Members of the Movement will be interested to learn that Prince Charles' new tutor is a former Scout, Lieutenant Jean Lajeunesse who was once a Wolf Cub in Montreal, Canada, and later a Scout and Rover Scout in the St. Cyrille Group at Joliette, Quebec, Canada.

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Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide and widow of our founder, made Scouting history recently when she became the first woman ever to receive the 'Silver Fox', a distinctive Canadian Scouting Order, 'awarded by the Chief Scout for Canada to non-residents of Canada for services of the most exceptional character to Scouting in the International field.'

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### One More Good Turn

A member of the public wrote to her local paper recently to express her gratitude to the Scout Movement. Returning to her home one very wet night on her bicycle she found she had a puncture. Not knowing what to do she was about to continue her journey on foot, when a Scout arrived on the scene and offered his help. After repairing the puncture, he was both very wet and dirty, but he brushed aside the lady's expressions of gratitude with the words, 'It is a Scout's job to lend a hand to people in distress.' Then with a cheery smile and a salute, he rode off into the night.

The lady concludes that even though she has always had a great admiration for the Movement, it has now increased tenfold.

The practice of the daily 'Good Turn' is still the best form of publicity for Scouting!

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### CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

On 27-1-1960 in England

Sir Eric Conran Smith, served as a Civil Servant for 34 years as Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, Secretary to Government, Private Secretary to the Governor of Madras and later on as a member of the Governor-General's Executive Council.

He was the Asst. Provincial Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association, Madras from 1929-31.

May his soul rest in peace.

On 1-2-1960 at Madras

Sir Mahomed Usman, the First Indian Governor in the early thirties, Home Member of the Madras Government and Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, served the Government, Public Bodies and Social Service Organisations in various capacities.

He was the President of the Boy Scouts Association, Madras, in 1940.

May his soul rest in peace.

## District News

### CHIDAMBARAM

A large number of scouts, and scouters of the Board High School, Kattumannar Koil, Pachiyappa's High School, Arumuga Navalar High School, and Government Nandanar Boys School, Chidambaram, rendered splendid service on the Arudhra Dharmasnam day on 13th January 1960 at Sri Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram. The scouts assisted the Police in maintaining order and restoring missing children to their parents. They kept watch over the things of the pilgrims in the bathing ghats and guided pilgrims from the Railway Station to the Temple etc. The service was in charge of Scouters Sri N. V. Ramaswamy assisted by Sri K. Muthuvelayutham.

### MADRAS CORPORATION

The Corporation Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrated the Republic Day on 26-1-1960 at their Headquarters, when Sri R. Balasubramaniam, I. A. S., Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, presided. Dr. P. Srinivasan, Corporation Councillor, hoisted the flag. Sri Balasubramaniam took the salute at the march-past of the Scouts and Guides and spoke on the significance of the occasion. Sri S. M. A. Samad, Organising Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. With the singing of the National Anthem the function terminated.

### NILGIRIS

The Cubs and Bulbuls of the Korakundah Estate gave a farewell party to Sri A. P. Kothavala, manager and President of the Group Committee. There was an interesting Demonstration of Cub and Bulbul activities. Sri A. P. Kothavala thanked the cubs and bulbuls and exhorted them to live up to their promise. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, the District Scout Organiser, presided over the function.

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The Republic Day was celebrated by the Cubs and Bulbuls at Nonsuch Estate, when Sri P. Jesu Doss presided over the function. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Scout Organiser, hoisted the flag. There were displays by the Cubs and Bulbuls and Sri C. P. Paul spoke of the significance of the day. Sri P. Nagamani proposed a vote of thanks. The celebration terminated after the singing of the National Anthem.

### TANJORE

Sri H. Krishnamurthi, District Scout Organiser, Tanjore District Board visited the following places in the month of January 1960.

Velamunithanpet, Valuvor, Kuttalam, Therazhundur, Tirukattupalli, Nemam, Alamelupuram, Tirupalakudi, Kandithempettai, Ullikottai, Paravakottai, Koopachikottai, Padakkudi, Athikadai, Kulikarai and Ammayappan.

## EAST MADRAS

The 27th Annual day of the District was celebrated on 31st January 1960 at a rally of 600 Scouts and Guides presided over by Mr. Frank Elden Schemelzer, Vice-Consul of the United States of America. Mrs. Frank Schemelzer distributed the prizes.

Sri S. Amudachari, Chairman of the Executive Committee welcomed the gathering and Sri R. N. Vadivel, Honorary District Secretary, presented the Annual Report for the year '59. There were various demonstrations of Camp Craft.

Pioneering Projects and Fancy Dress items by the Cubs, Scouts and Guides. Mr. Schemelzer in his speech stressed the importance of Scout and Guide Training to the boys and girls. He referred to the Scout and Guide work and how they are done in the United States. He announced a donation of Rs. 50/- to the Association. The Central Tea Board was kind enough to distribute free Tea to all the Scouts and Guides who attended the rally. The function came to a close after a vote of thanks by the District Secretary.

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## FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES

It is proposed to compile a directory of former Scouts and Guides at the State Headquarters, Madras, so that the former Scouts and Guides may be kept in touch with the activities of the Movement in our State and their sympathy and support secured for its progress and expansion.

All Scouters, Guiders, Commissioners, Secretaries and others will please keep this in mind and write from time to time to the Honorary State Secretary at the State Headquarters, the name, Occupation and address of the former Scouts and Guides whom they know and whom they meet from time to time, and thus enable the State Headquarters to achieve its object.

**P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY**

*Honorary State Secretary.*

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## Notes from Our National Organising Commissioner

Sri D. P. Joshi, our National Organising Commissioner who toured our State in November 1959 has sent us the following notes. The Scouters and Guiders all over our State will make every effort to give effect to the points referred to immediately.

1. No one should be called a Scout or Guide unless he or she has passed the Tenderfoot tests and is properly invested.

2. Every Scout or Guide must be given the Scout/Guide Badge. Badges should be stitched and not pinned only on the occasions.

3. No one should use the scarf without investiture, and if the scarf is used, the Badge must be worn.

4. Patrol system should be followed thoroughly, and the Patrol leaders should be given opportunities.

5. Co-operation of parents should be secured through Group Committees.

6. Scouts' and Guides' view should be ascertained through Patrol-in-Council and Court of Honour Meetings.

7. There should be continuity in work. Even during the examination months, the patrols should meet and help one another to make progress in their studies. They should learn from one another.

8. Scouts and Guides require progress and attractive programme and if they are not available, they get tired and leave troops or companies.

9. Efforts should be made to have efficiency rather than numbers. If the Scouts and Guides get their First Class Badges, then alone they would remember Scouting and Guiding.

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**CENSUS FIGURES FOR THE YEAR 1958**

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**Over 5 Lakhs**

Great Britain	...	675,501
India	...	505,980
U. S. A.	...	1,950,885

**Over 2 Lakhs**

Canada	...	255,993
Indonesia	...	235,117
Philippines	...	211,228

**Over 1 Lakh**

Australia	...	130,632
France	...	164,781
Germany	...	100,935
Pakistan	...	133,101

**Over 50 Thousand**

Belgium	...	60,700
Japan	...	71,279
Netherlands	...	78,979
New Zealand	...	50,460
Sweden	...	66,164
Thailand	...	59,030

**Over 25 Thousand**

Denmark (Det Danske Spejderkorps)		25,522
Finland		24,039
Greece	...	43,328
Italy	...	33,158
Malaya	...	41,363
Norway	...	26,026
South Africa	...	33,181
Switzerland	...	39,096
Turkey	...	45,044
U. A. R. (Egypt)	...	30,220

**Over 10 Thousand**

Austria	...	14,812
Brazil	...	11,426
Burma	...	13,889
Ceylon	...	13,119
Chile	...	19,022
China (Formosa)	...	15,216
Denmark (K. F. U. M. Spejderne)	...	20,202
Iran	...	18,847
Isreal	...	10,959
Korea	...	10,763
Tunisia	...	21,000
U. A. R. (Syria)	...	17,900

**Over 5 Thousand**

Argentina	...	6,578
Cuba	...	5,232
Iraq	...	7,864
Jordan	...	5,225
Portugal (C. N. E.)	...	5,425
Mexico	...	7,581

**Less than 5 Thousand but above 1000**

Armenian Scouts	...	2,165
Columbia	...	2,250
Dominican Republic	...	1,880
Guatemala	...	1,137
Haiti	...	1,683
Iceland	...	2,230
Ireland	...	1,900
Kuwait	...	1,931
Libya	...	2,100
Luxembourg		
(S. D. L.)	...	2,248
(F. N. E. L.)	...	1,425
Lebanon	...	4,554
Peru	...	1,652
Sudan	...	3,901
Venezuela	...	4,165
Viet-Nam	...	3,100

**Less than One Thousand**

Bolivia	...	595
Costa Rica	...	620
Equador	...	509
Honduras	...	147
Liechtenstein	...	304
Nicaragua	...	602
Panama	...	685
Portugal (A. E. P.)	...	754
Salvador	...	274
Uruguay	...	801
United Nations	...	14
Panama Canal Zone	...	900

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### TRAINING COURSE FOR D. C. Cs AND A. D. C. Cs (GUIDES)

A Training Course for D. C. Cs and A. D. C. Cs was held at Aarey Milk Colony, 19 miles from Bombay, from 4th to 13th Jan, 1960. 12 Trainees participated in the Training. Mrs. C. Mohini, Camp Chief (Guides) was in charge. Miss T. P. Asha, Headquarters Commissioner for Training, Bombay State was in charge of the arrangements for the Camp. Miss L. Vedanayakam, District Commissioner (G), West Madras underwent the Training Course. Miss Erica Thiel, the Swiss Guider also took part in the Training.

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## The Second All India D. C. Cs & A. D. C. Cs (Guides) Conference—Bombay

The Second All India D. C. Cs and A. D. C. Cs Conference was held at the Scout/Guide Pavilion, Shivaji Park, Bombay on 14th and 15th January 1960. Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, Chief Commissioner (Guides) presided over the deliberations. Mrs. C. Mohini, Camp Chief (Guides), Mrs. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed, Joint National Organising Commissioner (G), Mrs. S. Patwardhan, Joint National Secretary, and Miss T. P. Asha, Headquarters Commissioner for Training, Bombay State conducted the discussions on various topics. Miss T. P. Asha, was incharge of the arrangements connected with the Conference. Mrs. Nirmala Raje Bhonsale, State Commissioner (Guides), Bombay welcomed the delegates. The subjects dealt with were :

Publications and Handbooks—Training programmes—All India level—Training Camps—Amendments to Test—A. P. R. O. Part III—Cadet Ranger Leaders' Training—Camp-Craft Training—Tests for Extension Guides and Bulbuls.

At the Tea given by the Bombay State to the delegates of the Conference, Sri Mangaldas Pakvasa, President, Bharat Scouts and Guides, India and Mrs. Poornima Pakvasa participated.

Miss. Erica Thiel, a Swiss Guider who represented Switzerland at the Young Adults' gathering in Pakistan and Miss Naomi Bastuscheck the U. S. A. Exchange Trainer to India were the observers. They both contributed valuable information regarding Guide Organisation and Trainings done in their respective countries. Miss G. R. Samuel, Miss C. John and Mrs. Gowri Rajagopalan from Madras State participated in the Conference.

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